

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the following Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement for a passenger-carrying vehicle, the arrangement providing a plurality of seating positions, said seating positions being capable of simultaneously seating a respective passenger, each of the seating positions comprising a respective seat and a respective footwell, said respective footwell being located forwardly of said respective seat in a forward direction;

wherein said seating arrangement includes a first of said seating positions and a second of said seating positions displaced with respect to one another in both a forward direction and a transverse direction, said transverse direction being substantially perpendicular to said forward direction such that the respective footwell of said first seating position is located beside the respective seat of said second seating position in said transverse direction, said second seating position being located generally forward of said first seating position in said forward direction;

wherein said respective footwell of said first seat position includes a top portion enclosing said footwell from above to define a respective console adjacent said respective seat of said second seating position;

~~wherein said console comprises a flat top region for a table;~~

wherein each seat is operable into a reclined state in which a respective component of the respective seat for supporting said respective passenger's legs projects into the respective footwell; and

wherein the said second seating position partially overlaps with the footwell of said first seating position in said transverse direction such that said second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of said first seating position along a side of said footwell; and

a shell shaped to define a respective station for the respective seats and to define the respective footwells of said first and second seating positions, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction such that said station for the seat of the second seating position overhangs the respective footwell of said first seating position, and wherein the shell includes a buttress portion extending adjacent the seat of said second seating position, the buttress portion being shaped to define a respective footwell of said first seating position.

2. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each seat is associated with at least one armrest, and wherein at least a respective armrest of the first seating position and of the second seating position overlap in the transverse direction.

3. **(cancelled)**

4. **(cancelled)**

5. **(cancelled)**

6. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said footwells are shaped to become narrower in said forward direction.

7. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 6, wherein each seating position comprises a respective region for receiving a passenger's arms when lying on the seat in its reclined state, and wherein the respective arm-receiving region of the first seating position and of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein at least some of said arm-receiving regions become wider in said forward direction.

8. **(cancelled)**

9. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8 1 wherein the shell is shaped so that the respective station becomes wider, and the respective footwell becomes correspondingly narrower, in said forward direction.

10. **(cancelled)**

11. **(cancelled)**

12. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the respective seats of the first seating position and of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein the seat of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

13. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 wherein each seat includes a back and a base and wherein, when the seats are in the reclined state, the respective backs of the first seating position and of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein the back of the seat, when reclined, of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

14. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 wherein each seating position comprises a respective region for receiving a passenger's arms when lying on the seat in its reclined state, and wherein a respective arm-receiving region of the first seating position and of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein an arm-receiving region of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

15. **(cancelled)**

16. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1 wherein the footwell of the first seating position becomes narrower in a direction generally away from a ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests during use.

17. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 16, wherein the footwell of the first seating position narrows at an inflected portion, the inflected portion being located between the leg support component of the seat, when reclined, of the first seating position and the back of the seat, when reclined, of the seat of the second seating position.

18. **(currently amended)** A seating portion as claimed in Claim 15 ~~further comprising a shell shaped to define a respective station for at least one of said seats and to define a respective footwell on at least one side of the respective station, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction, and~~ 1 wherein the shell is shaped so that the respective station becomes wider, and the respective footwell becomes correspondingly narrower, in said direction generally away from the ground surface.

19. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each seat comprises a back, a seat base and the leg-supporting component and, when moving from

an upright state to the reclined state, the back, seat base and leg-supporting component each move in a generally forward direction.

20. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein at least one of said seating positions includes an armrest comprising a shelf overhanging the respective seating position in the transverse direction.

21. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 20, wherein said shelf overhangs the respective seat.

22. **(currently amended)** ~~A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 20, further comprising~~ A seating arrangement for a passenger-carrying vehicle, the arrangement providing a plurality of seating positions, said seating positions being capable of simultaneously seating a respective passenger, each of the seating positions comprising a respective seat and a respective footwell, said respective footwell being located forwardly of said respective seat in a forward direction;

wherein said seating arrangement includes a first of said seating positions and a second of said seating positions displaced with respect to one another in both a forward direction and a transverse direction, said transverse direction being substantially perpendicular to said forward direction such that the respective footwell of said first seating position is located beside the respective seat of said second seating position in said transverse direction, said second seating position being located generally forward of said first seating position in said forward direction;

wherein said respective footwell of said first seat position includes a top portion enclosing said footwell from above to define a respective console adjacent said respective seat of said second seating position;

wherein each seat is operable into a reclined state in which a respective component of the respective seat for supporting said respective passenger's legs projects into the respective footwell;

wherein the said second seating position partially overlaps with the footwell of said first seating position in said transverse direction such that said second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of said first seating position along a side of said footwell;

wherein at least one of said seating positions includes an armrest comprising a shelf overhanging the respective seating position in the transverse direction; and

a shell shaped to define a respective station for at least one of said seats and to define a respective footwell on at least one side of the respective station, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction, and wherein said armrests are fixed with respect to the shell.

23. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 20, wherein, when the seat is in the reclined state, the respective armrest overhangs the back of the respective seat.

24. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein, in the reclined state, each seat provides a respective sleeping surface that is substantially horizontal with the ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests during use.

25. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8 1, wherein the shell is shaped to define a respective station for two or more seats in a row.

26. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8 1, wherein the shell comprises a portion for accommodating the back of a seat, said portion being fixed in a fore-and-aft direction.

27. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 8 1 wherein the shell comprises a portion for accommodating a back rest of a seat, said portion being movable in a fore-and-aft direction.

28. **(cancelled)**

29. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each console is shaped to define a respective armrest adjacent the respective adjacent seat, the respective armrest overlapping with the footwell beneath the console.

30. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a table comprising at least one table leaf is associated with each console, the table being deployable from a stowed state in or on the console in which it is disposed generally parallel with the ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests during use.

31. **(cancelled)**

32. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim ~~34~~ 1, wherein each said buttress portion provides said console.

33. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 32, wherein a table comprising at least one table leaf is associated with each console, the table being deployable from a stowed state in or on the console in which it is disposed generally parallel with the ground surface on which the seating arrangement rests during use, and wherein the buttress portion includes a stowage area for said table.

34. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim ~~8~~ 1, wherein the shell is shaped to define a respective generally upright web portion extending between adjacent stations, or adjacent a single seat station.

35. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 34, wherein said upright web portion includes a surface area disposed in a plane generally perpendicular to the forward direction, and wherein a monitor is carried by said surface area.

36. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 34, wherein said upright web portion is shaped to provide a screen between passengers seated in adjacent seats.

37. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the footwell of the first seating position extends beyond the base of the seat, when upright, of the second seating position in the forward direction.

38. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a plurality of said seating positions are arranged in rows and ranks, the rows being generally perpendicular to the ranks and being partitioned by one or more aisles, the aisles being generally parallel with the ranks.

39. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, alternate rows comprising two seating positions and then three seating positions between the aisles.

40. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, alternate rows comprising two seating positions and then one seating position between the aisles.

41. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, each row comprising two seating positions between the aisles.

42. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising two aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on the outer side of each aisle, each row comprising three seating positions between the aisles.

43. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising one aisle, each row comprising a respective two seating positions on either side of the aisle.

44. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising one aisle, alternate rows comprising one seating position and then two seating positions on either side of the aisle.

45. **(original)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 38, comprising three aisles, each row comprising a respective single seating position on both sides of each aisle.

46. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein a platform is provided within each footwell, and wherein, when the associated seat is in the reclined state, the leg-supporting component of the seat closely approaches the platform within the footwell.

47. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each seating position provides a respective sleeping compartment when the respective seat is in the reclined state, each sleeping compartment comprising the respective footwell and a sleeping surface projecting into the footwell, the sleeping surface comprising the respective seat when in the reclined state, and wherein the sleeping compartment of the first seating position and the sleeping compartment of the second seating position partially overlap in a transverse direction such that the sleeping compartment of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

48. **(cancelled)**

49. **(cancelled)**

50. **(cancelled)**

51. **(previously presented)** An aircraft comprising a seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1.

52. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement for a passenger-carrying vehicle, the arrangement providing a plurality of sleeping compartments, each sleeping compartment comprising a respective footwell and a respective sleeping surface projecting into the respective footwell;

wherein each sleeping compartment includes a region for receiving a passenger's arms when lying on his back on the respective sleeping surface;

wherein said seating arrangement includes a first of said sleeping compartments and a second of said sleeping compartments displaced with respect to one another in both a forward direction and a transverse direction, said transverse direction being substantially perpendicular to said forward direction such that the respective footwell of said first sleeping compartment is located beside the respective sleeping surface of said second sleeping compartment in said transverse direction, the second sleeping compartment being located generally forward of the first sleeping compartment in said forward direction;

wherein the second sleeping compartment partially overlaps with the footwell of the first sleeping compartment in said transverse direction such that said arm-receiving region of the

second sleeping compartment overhangs part of the footwell of the first sleeping compartment along a side of said footwell; and

a shell shaped to define a respective station for ~~at least one of said seats~~ the first and second sleeping compartments and to ~~define a respective footwell on at least one side of the~~ respective station, wherein the station for the ~~seat of the first seating position~~ sleeping compartment and the station for the ~~seat of the second seating position~~ sleeping compartment partially overlap in the transverse direction such that ~~said station for the seat of the second seating position overlaps the respective footwell of said first seating position~~ said arm-receiving region of the second sleeping compartment overhangs the respective footwell of said first sleeping compartment, and wherein the shell includes a ~~respective~~ respective buttress portion extending ~~between adjacent seats~~ adjacent the arm-receiving region of said second sleeping compartment, ~~or adjacent a single seat~~, the buttress portion being shaped to define a the ~~respective footwell of said first sleeping compartment~~.

53. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each seat includes a respective back and a respective base and wherein the second seating position includes a region for receiving the base of the seat of the second seating position, said base-receiving region overhanging part of the footwell of the first seating position.

54. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 53 wherein, when the respective seat of the second seating position is in an upright state, the respective base of the respective seat of the second seating position overhangs the footwall of the first seating position.

55. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each seat is operable between an upright state and the reclined state, and wherein said second seating position includes a region for receiving a passenger's arms when said passenger is reclined on the seat of said second seating position when in the reclined state, said arm-receiving region overhanging part of the footwell of the first seating position.

56. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein the seat of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

57. **(currently amended)** A seating arrangement for a passenger-carrying vehicle, the arrangement providing a plurality of seating positions, said seating positions being capable of simultaneously seating a respective passenger, each seating position comprising a respective seat and a respective footwell, said respective footwell being located forward of said respective seat in a forward direction;

wherein each seat includes a back and a base and each seating position includes a respective region for receiving the base of the respective seat;

wherein said seating arrangement includes a first of said seating positions and a second of said seating positions displaced with respect to one another in both a forward direction and a transverse direction, said transverse direction being substantially perpendicular to said forward direction, such that the respective footwell of said first seating position is located beside the seat of said second seating position in said transverse direction, said second seating position being located generally forward of said first seating position in said forward direction;

wherein said second seating position partially overlaps with the respective footwell of said first seating position in said transverse direction such that said seat base-receiving region of said second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of said first seating position along a side of said footwell; and

a shell shaped to define a respective station for ~~at least one of said~~ the respective seats and to define ~~a respective footwell on at least one side of the respective station~~ the respective footwells of said first and second seating positions, wherein the station for the seat of the first seating position and the station for the seat of the second seating position partially overlap in the transverse direction such that said station for the seat of the second seating position ~~overlaps~~ overhangs the respective footwell of said first seating position, and wherein the shell includes a ~~respective~~ buttress portion extending ~~between adjacent seats~~ adjacent the seat of the second seating position, or adjacent a single seat, the buttress portion being shaped to define a the respective footwell of said first seating position.

58. **(cancelled)**

59. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 57 wherein, when the seat of the second seating position is in an upright state, the base of the seat of the second seating position overhangs the footwall of the first seating position.

60. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 57, wherein each seat is operable between an upright state and the reclined state, and wherein said second seating position includes a region for receiving a passenger's arms when said passenger is reclined on the seat of said second seating position when in the reclined state, said arm-receiving region overhanging part of the footwell of the first seating position.

61. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 57, wherein the seat of the second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of the first seating position.

62. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said vehicle has a floor, and wherein said seats, when in said reclined state, slope downwardly towards said floor in said forward direction.

63. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 52, wherein said vehicle has a floor, and wherein said sleeping surfaces slope downwardly towards said floor in said forward direction.

64. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 1, wherein each seat includes a back and a base and each seating position includes a respective region for receiving the base of the respective seat, and wherein said seat base-receiving region of said second seating position overhangs part of the footwell of said first seating position along a side of said footwell.

65. **(previously presented)** A seating arrangement as claimed in Claim 57, wherein said respective footwell of said first seating position includes a top portion enclosing said footwell from above to define a respective console adjacent said respective seat of said second seating position.